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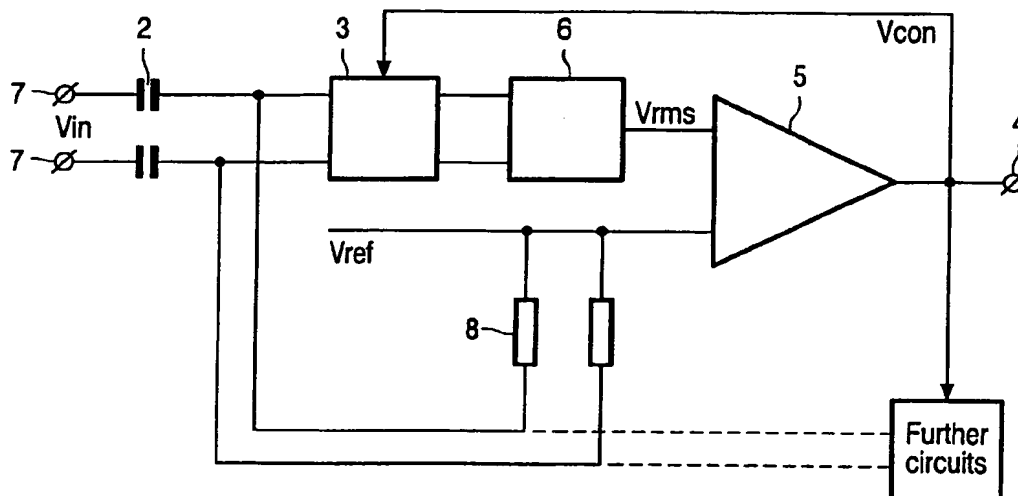
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(54) Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SIGNAL AMPLITUDE DETECTION



(57) **Abstract:** A method and a device (1) for detecting signal amplitudes by removing any DC component from the signal and then shifting the signal by a shift amount so as to produce a shifted signal having a first signal level equal to a reference level (Vref). The shift amount provides an indication of the amplitude of the signal. To this end, the device (1) includes a decoupling circuit (2), a shift circuit (3) and an output terminal (4). Optionally the device further includes a differential amplifier (5) coupled to receive the reference level (Vref) and an indication of the power of the shifted signal, and a signal power determination circuit (6) coupled between the shift circuit (3) and the differential amplifier (5).